

Appl. No. 10/785,439
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tool for assisting the securing of a clamp having a fastener to a mounting location, the tool comprising:
 - a first jaw;
 - a second jaw; and
 - an actuator to move said first jaw relative to said second jaw;wherein said first jaw includes a ~~retainer-recess~~ for accepting a first portion of the clamp fastener and wherein said recess faces said second jaw.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein one of said jaws remains stationary.
4. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein one of said jaws is unitary with said actuator.
5. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said jaws are removable.
6. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1, wherein said second jaw includes an opening aligned with said ~~retainer-recess~~ in said first jaw to allow a second portion of the fastener to extend therethrough.

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7. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said actuator is hand-operated.
8. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said actuator is machine-operated.
9. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said actuator includes a threaded shaft.
10. (Currently Amended) A tool for securing a P clamp having a fastener to a mounting location, comprising:
 - a first jaw;
 - a second jaw; and
 - an actuator to move said first jaw relative to said second jaw;
 - wherein said first jaw includes a ~~retainer~~ recess for accepting a first portion of the P
 - clamp fastener and wherein said recess faces said second jaw.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Original) The tool of claim 10, wherein one of said jaws remains stationary.
13. (Original) The tool of claim 10, wherein one of said jaws is unitary with said actuator.
14. (Original) The tool of claim 10, wherein said jaws are removable.

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15. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 10, wherein said second jaw includes an opening aligned with said ~~retainer recess~~ in said first jaw to allow a second portion of the fastener to extend therethrough.

16. (Original) The tool of claim 10, wherein said actuator is hand-operated.

17. (Original) The tool of claim 10, wherein said actuator is machine-operated.

18. (Original) The tool of claim 10, wherein said actuator includes a threaded shaft.

19. (Original) A method of attaching a clamp to an object, comprising the steps of:
providing a tool with a first jaw having a retainer for a fastener, a second jaw, and an actuator to move said first jaw relative to said second jaw;

placing a first fastener in said retainer;

locating said clamp between said jaws;

manipulating said actuator to tighten said clamp; and

securing a second fastener to said first fastener.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein said locating step includes placing the object between said jaws.

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21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said manipulating and securing steps are accomplished with a power tool.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein said manipulating step uses a first power tool and said securing steps~~step can also uses the same first power tool.~~

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said clamp is a P clamp.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said object is a component of a gas turbine engine.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said component is an external component of a gas turbine engine.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1, further comprising at least one adapter removably mounted to ~~said tool~~ a jaw, each said adapter having a shape corresponding to ~~a the clamp or a the mounting location, so that said tool can be used with a variety of clamps or mounting locations.~~

28. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 27, wherein said at least one adapter removably mounts to said second jaw.

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29. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 8, wherein said actuator is ~~selected~~sized so that the machine used to operate said actuator can also drive ~~the clamp~~a second portion of the fastener.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 10, further comprising at least one adapter removably mounted to ~~said tool~~a jaw, each said adapter having a shape corresponding to ~~a the clamp or a the mounting location, so that said tool can be used with a variety of clamps or mounting locations.~~

32. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 31, wherein said at least one adapter removably mounts to said second jaw.

33. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 17, wherein said actuator is ~~selected~~sized so that the machine used to operate said actuator can also drive ~~the P-clamp~~a second portion of the fastener.

34. (Currently Amended) A tool, comprising:
a first jaw;
a second jaw; and
an actuator to move said first jaw relative to said second jaw;

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wherein said first jaw includes a ~~retainer-recess~~ for accepting a first portion of a fastener and wherein said recess faces said second jaw and said second jaw includes an opening aligned with said ~~retainer-recess~~ in said first jaw to allow a second portion of the fastener to extend therethrough.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 34, wherein one of said jaws remains stationary.

37. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 34, wherein one of said jaws is unitary with said actuator.

38. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 34, wherein said jaws are removable.

39. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 34, wherein said actuator is hand-operated.

40. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 34, wherein said actuator is machine-operated.

41. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 40, wherein said actuator is ~~selected-sized~~ so that the machine used to operate said actuator can also drive the ~~clamp~~ second portion of the fastener.

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42. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 34, wherein said actuator includes a threaded shaft.
43. (Canceled)
44. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 10, further comprising at least one adapter removably mounted to ~~said tool~~ a jaw, each said adapter having a shape corresponding to ~~a-the clamp or a-the mounting location, so that said tool can be used with a variety of clamps or mounting locations.~~
45. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 44, wherein said at least one adapter removably mounts to said second jaw.
46. (Currently Amended) A tool for assisting the securing of a clamp having a fastener to a mounting location, the tool comprising:
- a first jaw;
 - a second jaw; and
 - an actuator operable by a tool to move said first jaw relative to said second jaw;
- wherein said actuator is ~~selected~~ sized so that the tool used to operate said actuator can also be used to drive the ~~clamp~~ fastener.

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47. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 46, wherein the tool used to operate said actuator is a power tool.

48. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 46, wherein said first jaw includes a ~~retainer~~ recess for accepting a first portion of the clamp-fastener and wherein said recess faces said second jaw.

49. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 48, wherein said second jaw includes an opening aligned with said ~~retainer-recess~~ in said first jaw to allow a second portion fastener to extend therethrough.

50. (Canceled)

51. (Canceled)

52. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 46, wherein one of said jaws remains stationary.

53. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 46, wherein one of said jaws is unitary with said actuator.

54. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 46, wherein said jaws are removable.

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55. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 46, wherein said actuator includes a threaded shaft.

56. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 46, further comprising at least one adapter removably mounted to ~~said tool~~ a jaw, each said adapter having a shape corresponding to ~~a the~~ clamp or ~~a the~~ mounting location, ~~so that said tool can be used with a variety of clamps or mounting locations.~~

57. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 56, wherein said at least one adapter removably mounts to said second jaw.

58. (New) The tool of claim 6, wherein the first portion of the fastener is a nut and the second portion of the fastener is a bolt.

59. (New) The tool of claim 15, wherein the first portion of the fastener is a nut and the second portion of the fastener is a bolt.

60. (New) The tool of claim 34, wherein the first portion of the fastener is a nut and the second portion of the fastener is a bolt.

61. (New) The tool of claim 49, wherein the first portion of the fastener is a nut and the second portion of the fastener is a bolt.